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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

SHARMA ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 10/519,042

FILED: July 13, 2005

FOR: PEPTIDE INHIBITORS OF SMAC PROTEIN BINDING TO  
INHIBITOR OF APOPTOSIS PROTEINS (IAP)

**MS: Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the outstanding office action dated April 4, 2007, to which a Notice of Appeal was filed July 26, 2007, reconsideration is respectfully requested. The present amendment and response is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Because the response and RCE are being filed prior to December 26, 2007 with a request for extension of time of three months, it is timely filed. If however a charge is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research Inc.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the list of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.